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SUBJECT: GRUMMAN AIRCRAFT PROSPECTS IN IRAQ

REF: A) BAGHDAD 560 (NOTAL

B) STATE 112308 (NOTAL)

1. GRUMMAN REP SCOTT MACLEOD VISITED USINT JULY 18. HIS PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO SELL CROPDUSTERS TO GOI MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. BUT HE CONFIRMED HE CONTINUES BE INTERESTED IN SELLING OV-1MOHAWK TO IRAQI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. ACTING ON MEMORY OF CONTENTS OF REF B (OUR COPY DESTROYED, SINCE AS SECURITY MEASURE, WE KEEP VIRTUALLY NO CLASSIFIED INCOMING MESSAGES), USINT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE TOLD MACLEOD THAT THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE CLEARED WITH DEPARTMENT BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. MACLEOD APPEARED MYSTIFIED THAT THERE WOULD BE ANO OBJECTION TO HIS TALKING SALE OF MOHAWK WITH IRAQIS, NOTING THAT US ARMY HAS RECENTLY PUT 24 OF THEM ON MARKET AS EXCESS PRPOERTY. HE SURMISED DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT HE WAS PROPOSING TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SALE OF EA-6B PROWLER WHICH VASTLY SUPERIOR TO MOHAWK IN ITS SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITIES AND
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MODERNITY OF ITS ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.

2. NOTE: AS OF JULY 18, MACLEOD HAS NOT RPT NOT HAD DIRECT CONTACTS WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE NOR DOES HE FEEL THAT HE HAS YET UNCOVERED THERE A STRONG ENOUGH INDICATION OF GOI INTEREST TO BRING MATTER FORMALLY TO ATTENTION OF STATE OR DEFENSE.

3. SINCE MACLEOD IS BASED IN TEHRAN AND CLAIMS HE NOTIFIES OFFICE OF DEFENSE ATTACHE AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIOR TO HIS VISITS TO IRAQ, SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT KEEP AMEMBASSY TEHRAN (ON INFO BASIS) ABREAST OF GUIDANCE ABOUT IRAQ WHICH IT SENDS ACTION BAGHDAD TO USINT. ADVISE. KILLOUGH

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